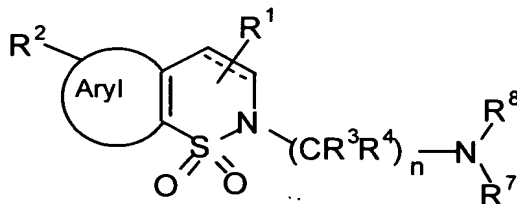


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A compound of the formula:



Wherein the dashed bond represents a single or double bond;

Aryl signifies a monocyclic heteroaromatic ring selected from the group consisting of thiophene, furan, pyrrole, pyridine, pyrimidine, pyridazine, and pyrazine;

R¹ is H, OH, OC₁₋₃alkyl, C₁₋₃alkyl, C₁₋₃alkyl substituted optionally with OH, or OC₁₋₃alkyl;

R² is H, halogen, C₁₋₃alkyl, CONR⁵R⁶, S(=O)_mC₁₋₃alkyl, or C₁₋₃alkyl substituted optionally with OH, or OC₁₋₃alkyl;

R³, R⁴ are independently H, C₁₋₃alkyl, or C₁₋₃alkyl substituted optionally with OH or OC₁₋₃alkyl;

R⁵, R⁶ are independently H, C₁₋₃alkyl, or C₂₋₃alkyl substituted optionally with OH, OC₁₋₃alkyl, or R⁵ and R⁶ can be joined together with saturated carbon atoms to form a 5 or 6 membered ring and said carbon atoms can be either unsubstituted or substituted optionally with C₁₋₃alkyl, C₂₋₃alkyl substituted optionally with OH or OC₁₋₃alkyl;

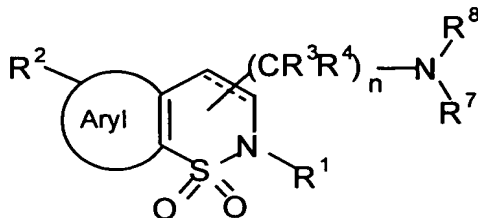
R⁷, R⁸ are together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached incorporated into a heterocyclic ring selected from the group consisting of pyrrolidine, piperidine, Δ³-piperidine, piperazine, morpholine or thiomorpholine which can be unsubstituted or substituted on carbon with one or more substituents optionally selected from C₁₋₃alkyl, or C₁₋₃alkyl substituted optionally with OH, OC₁₋₃alkyl, or phenyl which can be unsubstituted or substituted optionally with halogen, CF₃, OC₁₋₃alkyl, or C₁₋₃alkyl, or substituted on nitrogen with C₁₋₄alkoxy or phenyl which can be unsubstituted or substituted optionally with halogen, CF₃, OC₁₋₃alkyl, or C₁₋₃alkyl;

n is 2 to 4;

m is 0, 1 or 2

and any or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof.

2. (Currently Amended) A compound of the formula:



Wherein the dashed bond represents a single or double bond;

Aryl signifies a fused phenyl or monocyclic heteroaromatic ring;

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R¹ is H, C₁₋₃alkyl, C₃₋₅alkenyl, an aromatic ring selected from the group consisting of phenyl, thienyl, pyridyl, and imidazolyl which is either unsubstituted or substituted optionally with OH, OC₁₋₃alkyl, S(=O)_mC₁₋₃alkyl, halogen, or CF₃; or C₂₋₅alkyl substituted optionally with OH, OC₁₋₃alkyl, S(=O)_mC₁₋₃alkyl or an aromatic ring such as phenyl, thienyl, pyridyl, and imidazolyl which is either unsubstituted or substituted optionally with OH, OC₁₋₃alkyl, S(=O)_mC₁₋₃alkyl, halogen, CF₃, S(=O)₂NR⁵R⁶; or C₃₋₅alkenyl substituted optionally with OH, OC₁₋₃alkyl, or S(=O)_mC₁₋₃alkyl;

R² is H, halogen, C₁₋₃alkyl, S(=O)_mC₁₋₃alkyl, S(=O)₂NR⁵R⁶, or C₁₋₃alkyl substituted optionally with OH, or OC₁₋₃alkyl;

R³ & R⁴ are independently H, C₁₋₃alkyl, or C₁₋₃alkyl substituted optionally with OH or OC₁₋₃alkyl;

R⁵, R⁶ are independently H, C₁₋₃alkyl, or C₂₋₃alkyl substituted optionally with OH, OC₁₋₃alkyl, or R⁵ and R⁶ can be joined together with saturated carbon atoms to form a 5 or 6 membered ring and said carbon atoms can be either unsubstituted or substituted optionally with C₁₋₃alkyl, C₂₋₃alkyl substituted optionally with OH or OC₁₋₃alkyl;

R⁷, R⁸ are together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached incorporated into a heterocyclic ring selected from the group consisting of pyrrolidine, piperidine, Δ³-piperidine, piperazine, morpholine or thiomorpholine which can be unsubstituted or substituted on carbon with one or more substituents optionally selected from C₁₋₃alkyl, or C₁₋₃alkyl substituted optionally with OH, OC₁₋₃alkyl, or phenyl which can be unsubstituted or substituted optionally with halogen, CF₃, OC₁₋₃alkyl, or C₁₋₃alkyl, or substituted on nitrogen with C₁₋₃alkoxy or phenyl which can be unsubstituted or substituted optionally with halogen, CF₃, OC₁₋₃alkyl, or C₁₋₃alkyl;

n is 2 to 4;

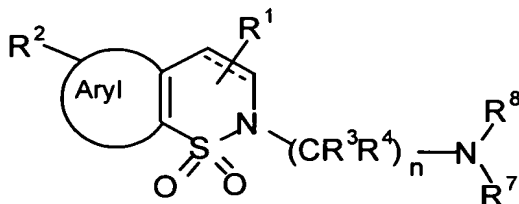
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and any or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof

3. (Withdrawn)

4. (Withdrawn)

5. (Currently Amended) A method for lowering IOP which comprises administering to a person in need thereof, a composition comprising an effective amount of a compound of the formula:



Wherein the dashed bond represents a single or double bond;

Aryl signifies a fused phenyl or monocyclic heteroaromatic ring;

R^1 is H, OH, $\text{OC}_{1-3}\text{alkyl}$, $\text{C}_{1-3}\text{alkyl}$, $\text{C}_{1-3}\text{alkyl}$ substituted optionally with OH, or $\text{OC}_{1-3}\text{alkyl}$;

R^2 is H, halogen, $\text{C}_{1-3}\text{alkyl}$, CONR^5R^6 , $\text{S}(=\text{O})_m\text{C}_{1-3}\text{alkyl}^6$, or $\text{C}_{1-3}\text{alkyl}$ substituted optionally with OH, or $\text{OC}_{1-3}\text{alkyl}$;

R^3 , R^4 are independently H, $\text{C}_{1-3}\text{alkyl}$, or $\text{C}_{1-3}\text{alkyl}$ substituted optionally with OH or $\text{OC}_{1-3}\text{alkyl}$;

R^5 , R^6 are independently H, $\text{C}_{1-3}\text{alkyl}$, or $\text{C}_{2-3}\text{alkyl}$ substituted optionally with OH, $\text{OC}_{1-3}\text{alkyl}$, or R^5 and R^6 can be joined together with saturated carbon atoms to form a 5 or 6 membered ring and said carbon atoms can be either unsubstituted or substituted optionally with $\text{C}_{1-3}\text{alkyl}$, $\text{C}_{2-3}\text{alkyl}$ substituted optionally with OH or $\text{OC}_{1-3}\text{alkyl}$;

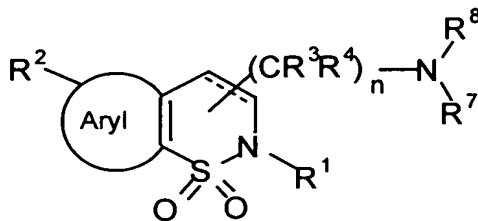
R^7 , R^8 are together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached incorporated into a heterocyclic ring selected from the group consisting of pyrrolidine, piperidine, Δ^3 -piperidine, piperazine, morpholine or thiomorpholine which can be unsubstituted or substituted on carbon with one or more substituents optionally selected from $\text{C}_{1-3}\text{alkyl}$, or $\text{C}_{1-3}\text{alkyl}$ substituted optionally with OH, $\text{OC}_{1-3}\text{alkyl}$, or phenyl which can be unsubstituted or substituted optionally with halogen, CF_3 , $\text{OC}_{1-3}\text{alkyl}$, or $\text{C}_{1-3}\text{alkyl}$, or substituted on nitrogen with $\text{C}_{1-4}\text{alkoxy}$ or phenyl which can be unsubstituted or substituted optionally with halogen, CF_3 , $\text{OC}_{1-3}\text{alkyl}$, or $\text{C}_{1-3}\text{alkyl}$;

n is 2 to 4;

m is 0, 1 or 2

and any or a pharmaceutically acceptable salts or solvates thereof.

6. (Currently Amended) A method for lowering IOP which comprises administering to a person in need thereof, a composition comprising an effective amount of a compound of the formula:



Wherein the dashed bond represents a single or double bond;

Aryl signifies a fused phenyl or monocyclic heteroaromatic ring;

R¹ is H, C₁₋₅alkyl, C₃₋₅alkenyl, an aromatic ring such as phenyl, thienyl, pyridyl, and imidazolyl which is either unsubstituted or substituted optionally with OH, OC₁₋₃alkyl, S(=O)_mC₁₋₃alkyl, halogen, CF₃, or S(=O)₂NR⁵R⁶; or C₂₋₅alkyl substituted optionally with OH, OC₁₋₃alkyl, S(=O)_mC₁₋₃alkyl or an aromatic ring such as phenyl, thienyl, pyridyl, and imidazolyl which is either unsubstituted or substituted optionally with OH, OC₁₋₃alkyl, S(=O)_mC₁₋₃alkyl, halogen, CF₃, S(=O)₂NR⁵R⁶; or C₃₋₅alkenyl substituted optionally with OH, OC₁₋₃alkyl, or S(=O)_mC₁₋₃alkyl;

R² is H, halogen, C₁₋₃alkyl, S(=O)_mC₁₋₃alkyl, or C₁₋₃alkyl substituted optionally with OH, or OC₁₋₃alkyl;

R³ & R⁴ are independently H, C₁₋₃alkyl, or C₁₋₃alkyl substituted optionally with OH or OC₁₋₃alkyl;

R⁵, R⁶ are independently H, C₁₋₃alkyl, or C₂₋₅alkyl substituted optionally with OH, OC₁₋₃alkyl, or R⁵ and R⁶ can be joined together with saturated carbon atoms to form a 5 or 6 membered ring and said carbon atoms can be either unsubstituted or substituted optionally with C₁₋₃alkyl, C₂₋₃alkyl substituted optionally with OH or OC₁₋₃alkyl;

R⁷, R⁸ are together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached incorporated into a heterocyclic ring selected from the group consisting of pyrrolidine, piperidine, Δ³-piperidine, piperazine, morpholine or thiomorpholine which can be unsubstituted or substituted on carbon with one or more substituents optionally selected from C₁₋₃alkyl, or C₁₋₃alkyl substituted optionally with OH, OC₁₋₃alkyl, or phenyl which can be unsubstituted or substituted optionally with halogen, CF₃, OC₁₋₃alkyl, or C₁₋₃alkyl, or substituted on nitrogen with C₁₋₄alkoxy or phenyl which can be unsubstituted or substituted optionally with halogen, CF₃, OC₁₋₃alkyl, or C₁₋₃alkyl;

n is 2 to 4;

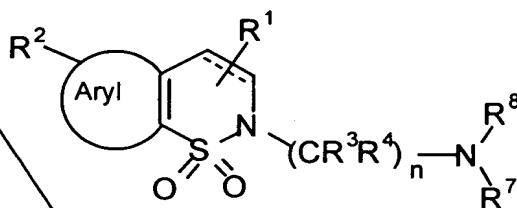
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DI and any or a pharmaceutically acceptable salts or solvates thereof.

7. (Withdrawn)

8. (Withdrawn)

9. (Currently Amended) A method for improving blood flow to the optic nerve head and the retina which comprises administering to a person in need thereof, a composition comprising an effective amount of a compound of the formula:



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Aryl signifies a fused phenyl or monocyclic heteroaromatic ring;

R¹ is H, OH, OC₁₋₃alkyl, C₁₋₃alkyl, C₁₋₃alkyl substituted optionally with OH, or OC₁₋₃alkyl;

R² is H, halogen, C₁₋₃alkyl, CONR⁵R⁶, S(=O)_mC₁₋₃alkyl, or C₁₋₃alkyl substituted optionally with OH, or OC₁₋₃alkyl;

R³, R⁴ are independently H, C₁₋₃alkyl, or C₁₋₃alkyl substituted optionally with OH or OC₁₋₃alkyl;

R⁵, R⁶ are independently H, C₁₋₃alkyl, or C₂₋₃alkyl substituted optionally with OH, OC₁₋₃alkyl, or R⁵ and R⁶ can be joined together with saturated carbon atoms to form a 5 or 6 membered ring and said carbon atoms can be either unsubstituted or substituted optionally with C₁₋₃alkyl, C₂₋₃alkyl substituted optionally with OH or OC₁₋₃alkyl;

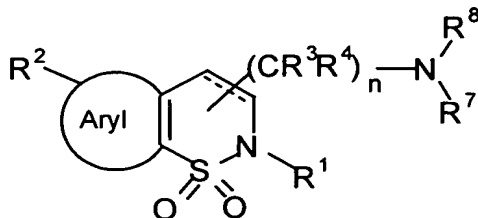
R⁷, R⁸ are together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached incorporated into a heterocyclic ring selected from the group consisting of pyrrolidine, piperidine, Δ³-piperidine, piperazine, morpholine or thiomorpholine which can be unsubstituted or substituted on carbon with one or more substituents optionally selected from C₁₋₃alkyl, or C₁₋₃alkyl substituted optionally with OH, OC₁₋₃alkyl, or phenyl which can be unsubstituted or substituted optionally with halogen, CF₃, OC₁₋₃alkyl, or C₁₋₃alkyl, or substituted on nitrogen with C₁₋₄alkoxy or phenyl which can be unsubstituted or substituted optionally with halogen, CF₃, OC₁₋₃alkyl, or C₁₋₃alkyl;

n is 2 to 4;

m is 0, 1 or 2

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10. (Currently Amended) A method for improving blood flow to the optic nerve head and the retina which comprises administering to a person in need thereof, a composition comprising an effective amount of a compound of the formula:



Wherein the dashed bond represents a single or double bond;

Aryl signifies a fused phenyl or monocyclic heteroaromatic ring;

R¹ is H, C₁₋₃alkyl, C₃₋₅alkenyl, an aromatic ring such as phenyl, thienyl, pyridyl, and imidazolyl which is either unsubstituted or substituted optionally with OH, OC₁₋₃alkyl, S(=O)_mC₁₋₃alkyl, halogen, CF₃, or S(=O)₂NR⁵R⁶; or C₂₋₅alkyl substituted optionally with OH, OC₁₋₃alkyl, S(=O)_mC₁₋₃alkyl or an aromatic ring such as phenyl, thienyl, pyridyl, and imidazolyl which is either unsubstituted or substituted optionally with OH, OC₁₋₃alkyl, S(=O)_mC₁₋₃alkyl, halogen, CF₃, S(=O)₂NR⁵R⁶; or C₃₋₅alkenyl substituted optionally with OH, OC₁₋₃alkyl, or S(=O)_mC₁₋₃alkyl;

R² is H, halogen, C₁₋₃alkyl, S(=O)_mC₁₋₃alkyl, or C₁₋₃alkyl substituted optionally with OH, or OC₁₋₃alkyl;

R³ & R⁴ are independently H, C₁₋₃alkyl, or C₁₋₃alkyl substituted optionally with OH or OC₁₋₃alkyl;

R⁵, R⁶ are independently H, C₁₋₃alkyl, or C₂₋₃alkyl substituted optionally with OH, OC₁₋₃alkyl, or R⁵ and R⁶ can be joined together with saturated carbon atoms to form a 5 or 6 membered ring and said carbon atoms can be either unsubstituted or substituted optionally with C₁₋₃alkyl, C₂₋₃alkyl substituted optionally with OH or OC₁₋₃alkyl;

R⁷, R⁸ are together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached incorporated into a heterocyclic ring selected from the group consisting of pyrrolidine, piperidine, Δ³-piperidein, piperazine, morpholine or thiomorpholine which can be unsubstituted or substituted on carbon with one or more substituents optionally selected from C₁₋₃alkyl, or C₁₋₃alkyl substituted optionally with OH, OC₁₋₃alkyl, or phenyl which can be unsubstituted or substituted optionally with halogen, CF₃, OC₁₋₃alkyl, or C₁₋₃alkyl, or substituted on nitrogen with C₁₋₄alkoxy or phenyl which can be unsubstituted or substituted optionally with halogen, CF₃, OC₁₋₃alkyl, or C₁₋₃alkyl;

n is 2 to 4;

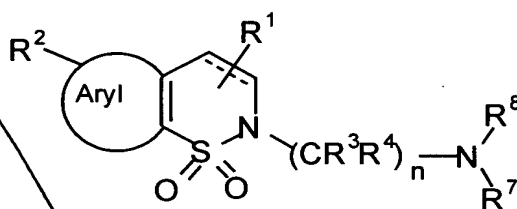
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11. (Withdrawn)

12. (Withdrawn)

13. (Currently Amended) A method for treating retinal diseases selected from the group consisting of glaucoma, age related macular degeneration (ARMD), optic neuritis, ischemic disorders, diabetic retinopathy, and retinal edema which comprises administering to a person in need thereof, a composition comprising an effective amount of a compound of the formula:



Wherein the dashed bond represents a single or double bond;

Aryl signifies a fused phenyl or monocyclic heteroaromatic ring;

R¹ is H, OH, OC₁₋₃alkyl, C₁₋₃alkyl, C₁₋₃alkyl substituted optionally with OH, or OC₁₋₃alkyl;

R² is H, halogen, C₁₋₃alkyl, CONR⁵R⁶, S(=O)_mC₁₋₃alkyl, or C₁₋₃alkyl substituted optionally with OH, or OC₁₋₃alkyl;

R³, R⁴ are independently H, C₁₋₃alkyl, or C₁₋₃alkyl substituted optionally with OH or OC₁₋₃alkyl;

R⁵, R⁶ are independently H, C₁₋₃alkyl, or C₂₋₃alkyl substituted optionally with OH, OC₁₋₃alkyl, or R⁵ and R⁶ can be joined together with saturated carbon atoms to form a 5 or 6 membered ring and said carbon atoms can be either unsubstituted or substituted optionally with C₁₋₃alkyl, C₂₋₃alkyl substituted optionally with OH or OC₁₋₃alkyl;

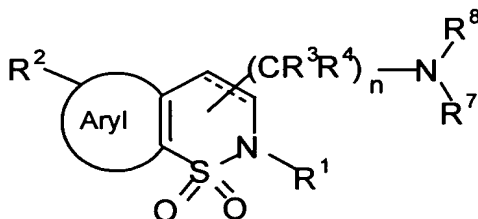
R⁷, R⁸ are together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached incorporated into a heterocyclic ring selected from the group consisting of pyrrolidine, piperidine, Δ³-piperidein, piperazine, morpholine or thiomorpholine which can be unsubstituted or substituted on carbon with one or more substituents optionally selected from C₁₋₃alkyl, or C₁₋₃alkyl substituted optionally with OH, OC₁₋₃alkyl, or phenyl which can be unsubstituted or substituted optionally with halogen, CF₃, OC₁₋₃alkyl, or C₁₋₃alkyl, or substituted on nitrogen with C₁₋₄alkoxy or phenyl which can be unsubstituted or substituted optionally with halogen, CF₃, OC₁₋₃alkyl, or C₁₋₃alkyl;

n is 2 to 4;

m is 0, 1 or 2

~~and any~~ or a pharmaceutically acceptable salts or solvates thereof.

14. (Currently Amended) A method for treating retinal diseases selected from the group consisting of glaucoma, age related macular degeneration (ARMD), optic neuritis, ischemic disorders, diabetic retinopathy, and retinal edema which comprises administering to a person in need thereof, a composition comprising an effective amount of a compound of the formula:



Wherein the dashed bond represents a single or double bond;

Aryl signifies a fused phenyl or monocyclic heteroaromatic ring;

R¹ is H, C₁₋₃alkyl, C₃₋₅alkenyl, an aromatic ring such as phenyl, thienyl, pyridyl, and imidazolyl which is either unsubstituted or substituted optionally with OH, OC₁₋₃alkyl, S(=O)_mC₁₋₃alkyl, halogen, CF₃, or S(=O)₂NR⁵R⁶; or C₂₋₅alkyl substituted optionally with OH, OC₁₋₃alkyl, S(=O)_mC₁₋₃alkyl or an aromatic ring such as phenyl, thienyl, pyridyl, and imidazolyl which is either unsubstituted or substituted optionally with OH, OC₁₋₃alkyl, S(=O)_mC₁₋₃alkyl, halogen, CF₃, S(=O)₂NR⁵R⁶; or C₃₋₅alkenyl substituted optionally with OH, OC₁₋₃alkyl, or S(=O)_mC₁₋₃alkyl;

R² is H, halogen, C₁₋₃alkyl, S(=O)_mC₁₋₃alkyl, or C₁₋₃alkyl substituted optionally with OH, or OC₁₋₃alkyl;

R³ & R⁴ are independently H, C₁₋₃alkyl, or C₁₋₃alkyl substituted optionally with OH or OC₁₋₃alkyl;

R⁵, R⁶ are independently H, C₁₋₃alkyl, or C₂₋₃alkyl substituted optionally with OH, OC₁₋₃alkyl, or R⁵ and R⁶ can be joined together with saturated carbon atoms to form a 5 or 6 membered ring and said carbon atoms can be either unsubstituted or substituted optionally with C₁₋₃alkyl, C₂₋₃alkyl substituted optionally with OH or OC₁₋₃alkyl;

R⁷, R⁸ are together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached incorporated into a heterocyclic ring selected from the group consisting of pyrrolidine, piperidine, Δ³-piperidein, piperazine, morpholine or thiomorpholine which can be unsubstituted or substituted on carbon with one or more substituents optionally selected from C₁₋₃alkyl, or C₁₋₃alkyl substituted optionally with OH, OC₁₋₃alkyl, or phenyl which can be unsubstituted or substituted optionally with halogen, CF₃, OC₁₋₃alkyl, or C₁₋

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alkyl, or substituted on nitrogen with C₁₋₄alkoxy or phenyl which can be unsubstituted or substituted optionally with halogen, CF₃, OC₁₋₃alkyl, or C₁₋₃alkyl;

n is 2 to 4;

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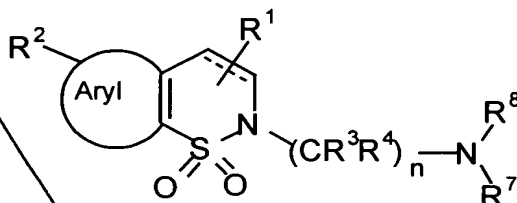
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36. (Withdrawn)
37. (Withdrawn)
38. (Withdrawn)

39. (Currently Amended) A method for treating persons suffering from a sleeping disorder, depression, schizophrenia, anxiety, circadian rhythm disorders, and centrally and peripherally mediated hypertension, which comprises, administering a composition comprising a pharmaceutically effective amount of a compound of the formula:



Wherein the dashed bond represents a single or double bond

Aryl signifies a fused phenyl or monocyclic heteroaromatic ring;

R^1 is H, OH, $OC_{1-3}alkyl$, $C_{1-3}alkyl$, $C_{1-3}alkyl$ substituted optionally with OH, or $OC_{1-3}alkyl$;

R^2 is H, halogen, $C_{1-3}alkyl$, $CONR^5R^6$, $S(=O)_mC_{1-3}alkyl$, $S(=O)_2NR^5R^6$, $C_{1-3}alkyl$ substituted optionally with OH, or $OC_{1-3}alkyl$;

R^3 , R^4 are independently H, $C_{1-3}alkyl$, or $C_{1-3}alkyl$ substituted optionally with OH or $OC_{1-3}alkyl$;

R^5 , R^6 are independently H, $C_{1-3}alkyl$, or $C_{2-3}alkyl$ substituted optionally with OH, $OC_{1-3}alkyl$, or R^5 and R^6 can be joined together with saturated carbon atoms to form a 5 or 6 membered ring and said carbon atoms can be either unsubstituted or substituted optionally with $C_{1-3}alkyl$, $C_{2-3}alkyl$ substituted optionally with OH or $OC_{1-3}alkyl$;

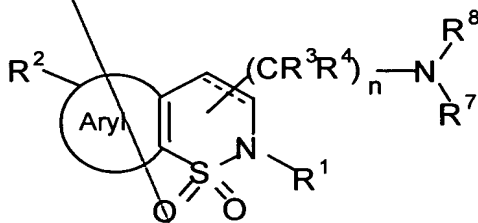
R^7 , R^8 are together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached incorporated into a heterocyclic ring selected from the group consisting of pyrrolidine, piperidine, Δ^3 -piperidine, piperazine, morpholine or thiomorpholine which can be unsubstituted or substituted on carbon with one or more substituents optionally selected from C_{1-3} alkyl, or C_{1-3} alkyl substituted optionally with OH, OC_{1-3} alkyl, or phenyl which can be unsubstituted or substituted optionally with halogen, CF_3 , OC_{1-3} alkyl, or C_{1-3} alkyl, or substituted on nitrogen with C_{1-4} alkoxy or phenyl which can be unsubstituted or substituted optionally with halogen, CF_3 , OC_{1-3} alkyl, or C_{1-3} alkyl;

n is 2 to 4;

m is 0, 1 or 2

and any or a pharmaceutically acceptable salts or solvates thereof.

40. (Currently Amended) A method for treating persons suffering from a sleeping disorder, depression, schizophrenia, anxiety, obsessive compulsive disorder, circadian rhythm disorders, and centrally and peripherally mediated hypertension which comprises, administering a composition comprising a pharmaceutically effective amount of a compound of the formula:



Wherein the dashed bond represents a single or double bond;

Aryl signifies a fused phenyl or monocyclic heteroaromatic ring;

R^1 is H, C_{1-5} alkyl, C_{3-5} alkenyl, an aromatic ring such as phenyl, thienyl, pyridyl, and imidazolyl which is either unsubstituted or substituted optionally with OH, OC_{1-3} alkyl, $S(=O)_m C_{1-3}$ alkyl, halogen, CF_3 , or $S(=O)_2 NR^5R^6$; or C_{2-5} alkyl substituted optionally with OH, OC_{1-3} alkyl, $S(=O)_m C_{1-3}$ alkyl or an aromatic ring such as phenyl, thienyl, pyridyl, and imidazolyl which is either unsubstituted or substituted optionally with OH, OC_{1-3} alkyl, $S(=O)_m C_{1-3}$ alkyl, halogen, CF_3 , $S(=O)_2 NR^5R^6$; or C_{3-5} alkenyl substituted optionally with OH, OC_{1-3} alkyl, or $S(=O)_m C_{1-3}$ alkyl;

R^2 is H, halogen, C_{1-3} alkyl, $S(=O)_m C_{1-3}$ alkyl, $S(=O)_2 NR^5R^6$, or C_{1-3} alkyl substituted optionally with OH, or OC_{1-3} alkyl;

R^3 & R^4 are independently H, C_{1-3} alkyl, or C_{1-3} alkyl substituted optionally with OH or OC_{1-3} alkyl;

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R^5, R^6 are independently H, C_{1-3} alkyl, or C_{2-3} alkyl substituted optionally with OH, OC_{1-3} alkyl, or R^5 and R^6 can be joined together with saturated carbon atoms to form a 5 or 6 membered ring and said carbon atoms can be either unsubstituted or substituted optionally with C_{1-3} alkyl, C_{2-3} alkyl substituted optionally with OH or OC_{1-3} alkyl;

R^7, R^8 are together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached incorporated into a heterocyclic ring selected from the group consisting of pyrrolidine, piperidine, Δ^3 -piperidine, piperazine, morpholine or thiomorpholine which can be unsubstituted or substituted on carbon with one or more substituents optionally selected from C_{1-3} alkyl, or C_{1-3} alkyl substituted optionally with OH, OC_{1-3} alkyl, or phenyl which can be unsubstituted or substituted optionally with halogen, CF_3 , OC_{1-3} alkyl, or C_{1-3} alkyl, or substituted on nitrogen with C_{1-4} alkoxy or phenyl which can be unsubstituted or substituted optionally with halogen, CF_3 , OC_{1-3} alkyl, or C_{1-3} alkyl;

n is 2 to 4;

m is 0, 1 or 2

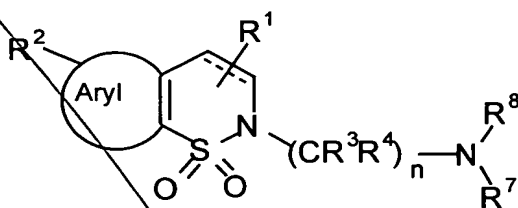
and any or a pharmaceutically acceptable salts or solvates thereof.

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41. (Withdrawn)

42. (Withdrawn)

43. (Currently Amended) A composition comprising a pharmaceutically effective amount of a compound of the formula:



Wherein the dashed bond represents a single or double bond;

Aryl signifies a monocyclic heteroaromatic ring selected from the group consisting of thiophene, furan, pyrrole, pyridine, pyrimidine, pyridazine, and pyrazine;

R^1 is H, OH, OC_{1-3} alkyl, C_{1-3} alkyl, C_{1-3} alkyl substituted optionally with OH, or OC_{1-3} alkyl;

R^2 is H, halogen, C_{1-3} alkyl, $CONR^5R^6$, $S(=O)_mC_{1-3}$ alkyl, or C_{1-3} alkyl substituted optionally with OH, or OC_{1-3} alkyl;

R^3, R^4 are independently H, C_{1-3} alkyl, or C_{1-3} alkyl substituted optionally with OH or OC_{1-3} alkyl;

R^5, R^6 are independently H, C_{1-3} alkyl, or C_{2-3} alkyl substituted optionally with OH, OC_{1-3} alkyl,

or R⁵ and R⁶ can be joined together with saturated carbon atoms to form a 5 or 6 membered ring and said carbon atoms can be either unsubstituted or substituted optionally with C₁₋₃alkyl, C₂₋₃alkyl substituted optionally with OH or OC₁₋₃alkyl;

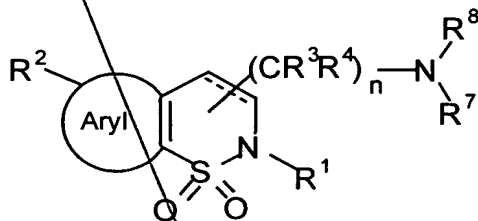
R⁷, R⁸ are together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached incorporated into a heterocyclic ring selected from the group consisting of pyrrolidine, piperidine, Δ³-piperidine, piperazine, morpholine or thiomorpholine which can be unsubstituted or substituted on carbon with one or more substituents optionally selected from C₁₋₃alkyl, or C₁₋₃alkyl substituted optionally with OH, OC₁₋₃alkyl, or phenyl which can be unsubstituted or substituted optionally with halogen, CF₃, OC₁₋₃alkyl, or C₁₋₃alkyl, or substituted on nitrogen with C₁₋₄alkoxy or phenyl which can be unsubstituted or substituted optionally with halogen, CF₃, OC₁₋₃alkyl, or C₁₋₃alkyl;

n is 2 to 4;

m is 0, 1 or 2

~~and any~~ or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof in a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier

44. (Currently Amended) A composition comprising a pharmaceutically effective amount of a compound of the formula:



Wherein the dashed bond represents a single or double bond;

Aryl signifies a ~~fused phenyl~~ or monocyclic heteroaromatic ring selected from the group consisting of thiophene, furan, pyrrole, pyridine, pyrimidine, pyridazine, and pyrazine;

R¹ is H, C₁₋₃alkyl, C₃₋₅alkenyl, an aromatic ring selected from the group consisting of phenyl, thienyl, pyridyl, and imidazolyl which is either unsubstituted or substituted optionally with OH, OC₁₋₃alkyl, S(=O)_mC₁₋₃alkyl, halogen, or CF₃; or C₂₋₅alkyl substituted optionally with OH, OC₁₋₃alkyl, S(=O)_mC₁₋₃alkyl or an aromatic ring such as phenyl, thienyl, pyridyl, and imidazolyl which is either unsubstituted or substituted optionally with OH, OC₁₋₃alkyl, S(=O)_mC₁₋₃alkyl, halogen, CF₃, S(=O)₂NR⁵R⁶; or C₃₋₅alkenyl substituted optionally with OH, OC₁₋₃alkyl, or S(=O)_mC₁₋₃alkyl;

R² is H, halogen, C₁₋₃alkyl, S(=O)_mC₁₋₃alkyl, or C₁₋₃alkyl substituted optionally with OH, or

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OC₁₋₃alkyl;
R³ & R⁴ are independently H, C₁₋₃alkyl, or C₁₋₃alkyl substituted optionally with OH or OC₁₋₃alkyl;
R⁵, R⁶ are independently H, C₁₋₃alkyl, or C₂₋₃alkyl substituted optionally with OH, OC₁₋₃alkyl, or R⁵ and R⁶ can be joined together with saturated carbon atoms to form a 5 or 6 membered ring and said carbon atoms can be either unsubstituted or substituted optionally with C₁₋₃alkyl, C₂₋₃alkyl substituted optionally with OH or OC₁₋₃alkyl;
R⁷, R⁸ are together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached incorporated into a heterocyclic ring selected from the group consisting of pyrrolidine, piperidine, Δ³-piperidine, piperazine, morpholine or thiomorpholine which can be unsubstituted or substituted on carbon with one or more substituents optionally selected from C₁₋₃alkyl, or C₁₋₃alkyl substituted optionally with OH, OC₁₋₃alkyl, or phenyl which can be unsubstituted or substituted optionally with halogen, CF₃, OC₁₋₃alkyl, or C₁₋₃alkyl, or substituted on nitrogen with C₁₋₄alkoxy or phenyl which can be unsubstituted or substituted optionally with halogen, CF₃, OC₁₋₃alkyl, or C₁₋₃alkyl;
n is 2 to 4;
m is 0, 1 or 2
and any or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof in a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

45. (Withdrawn)

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47. (Original) The Compound of Claim 1 selected from the group consisting of:
6-Chloro-2-[4-[4-(2H-benzimidazo-2-oxo-1-yl)piperidin-1-yl]butyl]-2H-thieno[3,2-e]-1,2-thiazine 1,1-dioxide;
6-Chloro-2-[4-(4-phenylpiperazin-1-yl)butyl]-2H-thieno[3,2-e]-1,2-thiazine 1,1-dioxide;
6-Chloro-2-[4-[4-(2-fluorophenyl)piperazin-1-yl]butyl]-2H-thieno[3,2-e]-1,2-thiazine 1,1-dioxide;
6-Chloro-2-[3-[4-(3-trifluoromethylphenyl)piperazin-1-yl]propyl]-2H-thieno[3,2-e]-1,2-thiazine 1,1-dioxide;
6-Chloro-2-[3-[4-(2H-benzimidazol-2-oxo)piperidin-1-yl]propyl]-2H-thieno[3,2-e]-1,2-thiazine 1,1-dioxide.

48. (Withdrawn)

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49. (Withdrawn)
